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In the application of
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For: **SELF-REPAIRING CERAMIC
COATINGS**

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AMENDMENT

Customer Number 23,422

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2001, having a response due date by December 26, 2001, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 7, and continuing to page 4, line 5, with the following paragraph:

B1
The present invention is directed to a multilayered protective coating formed of ceramic materials. The coating comprising an inner component or module which has at least one, preferably two layers of ceramic materials